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27 January 1964

**MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD**

**SUBJECT: OXCART Pilot Processing**

1. On 20 January 1964 General Flickinger screened the Air Force records of the 14 prospective pilot candidates who will eventually comprise the Group D OXCART pilots. Records screened by General Flickinger were solely the official Air Force personnel folder for each officer.

2. From this preliminary screening General Flickinger selected eight officers whom he identified as excellent prospects. Of the remaining six he indicated that he felt two or three were almost totally unacceptable and the remaining three or four were what he described as marginal.

3. General Flickinger intends to contact the eight individuals who were his first choice either at Edwards AFB or Nellis AFB prior to the time they are scheduled into the School of Aerospace Medicine at Brooks AFB. With the aid of the results of the background investigation which he will review before he sees the individuals, and their complete medical records, which they will have with them at the time of his interview, he feels he can make a firm evaluation of the candidates' desire for our program and the likelihood of their qualifying for the program. Five of these eight individuals are believed to be presently stationed at or near Edwards AFB. One of the remaining three is presently assigned to Yokota Air Base, Japan, and two are in the vicinity of Nellis AFB. These latter three he would interview at Nellis.

4. When I expressed some concern to General Flickinger that in view of the fact we might be looking for four or five new pilots, and the starting figure of

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eight left little room for washouts, he reassured me that there was really no worry on this score. In fact, he said, "I can guarantee you that we will get four or five of these eight". 25X1A

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